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Subject:

The passive voice

Class:

Eight

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The Passive Form

The passive form is used when the focus is on the action or the receiver of the action, rather than the doer.

Structure:

Active: Subject + verb + object

Passive: Object of the active sentence + appropriate form of "to be" + past participle
+ (optional: "by" + doer)

Examples:

Active: The chef cooked the meal.

Passive: The meal was cooked (by the chef).

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Tense Table:

Tense	Active	Passive
Present Simple	They make cars.	Cars are made.
Past Simple	She wrote the book.	The book was written.
Future Simple	He will deliver the mail.	The mail will be delivered.
Present Continuous	They are building a house. A house is being built.	
Past Continuous	She was painting the wall. The wall was being painted.	
Present Perfect	He has fixed the bike.	The bike has been fixed.

2. Exercises

Exercise A: Change from Active to Passive

Rewrite the sentences in the passive form.

1. The artist painted a beautiful portrait.

2. They will finish the project next week.

3. Someone is cleaning the windows.

4. She had completed the assignment.

5. The company delivers packages every day.

6. The chef cooks the meals every day.

7.They built a new school last year.

8.The manager is checking the reports at the moment.

9.While I was cleaning the windows, the children were playing outside.

10. The students have completed the assignment.

11. She had already finished the project before the meeting started.

12. They will announce the results next week.

13. The teacher explains the rules every class.

14. People were watching a play when the fire alarm rang.

15. The company has been producing this product for 10 years.

Exercise B: Change from Passive to Active

1. The cake was baked by John.

2. The results will be announced by the committee.

3. The movie is being watched by the children.

4. The letter had been written by her.

5. The room is cleaned every morning.

Exercise C: Identify the Structure.

State whether the sentence is in the passive form or active voice.

1. The report was written by the manager. _____
2. That engineer has built this amazing tower. _____
3. The kids decorated the room. _____
4. His friend told him a secret. _____
5. The novel is being read by many people. _____

Exercise D : Choose by or with to complete the sentences correctly.

1. The cake was made _____ my grandmother.
2. The window was broken _____ a baseball.
3. The song was written _____ John Lennon.
4. The report was completed _____ the new software.
5. The famous painting was stolen _____ the thieves last night.

Exercise E: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in the passive

Use the verb in brackets and the correct **tense**. Pay attention to the **time expressions**.

1. The new exhibition _____ (open) every Monday.
2. The letters _____ (deliver) yesterday afternoon.
3. The streets _____ (clean) at the moment.
4. The house _____ (paint) when we visited it last week.
5. The report _____ (complete) before the manager arrived.
6. The documents _____ (already/prepare) by 10 a.m. yesterday.
7. A new park _____ (build) next year in the city center.
8. The instructions _____ (give) to the students every semester.

9. The streets _____ (block) while the parade was taking place.
10. The new product _____ (launch) next month.

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